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SUBJECT: IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS

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1. MAKE UP OF AFGHAN DELEGATION TO NAIROBI MEETINGS STILL TENTATIVE, BUT APPEARS LIKELY THAT HABIBULLAH MALI ACHEKZAI, GOVERNOR, AND FAQIR MUNIF, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT DA AFGHANISTAN BANK (CENTRAL BANK), WILL BE ON DELEGATION AS IN PAST. DOUBTFUL IF NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE PLANS TO ATTEND AS HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL AFFAIRS AND IS PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL MINISTRY POLICY AND PERSONNEL CHANGES. KHALIQI, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR OF IBRD FOR AFGHANISTAN, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFGHANS INTEND TO STICK TO BASIC ISSUES RAISED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND ARE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE ANY NEW DEPARTURES. THEY WILL CONCENTRATE ON SUCH MATTERS AS LINKING SDRS TO DEVELOPMENT AID, DEBT BURDENS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, ETC., AND DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE ANY NEW ISSUES. IN GENERAL, DA AFGHANISTAN BANK IS SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. MONETARY REFORM PROPOSALS, AND THEIR DELEGATION WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY PRINTED MATERIALS U.S. MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE. TMKY HAVE RECEIVED AND ARE STUDYING TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY SCHULTZ'S COMMENTS ON MONETARY REFORM. SUPPLY OF U.S. POSITION PAPERS, STUDY DOCUMENTS, ETC.

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WOULD HAVE FURTHER SALUTORY EDUCATIONAL EFFECT.

3. SOME POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT AFGHANS WILL RAISE DEBT
RESCHEDULING ISSUE WITH U.S. DELEGATION AS THAT SUBJECT HAS
BEGUN TO POP UP AGAIN IN INFORMAL AND CASUAL FASHION (REF B). IF
SO, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE DEFLECTED WITH STANDARD RESPONSE
OF NEED FOR DETAILED STUDY AND CONSULTATION AND REFERRED BACK
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